

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3150  
INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
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FOR HABIB FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3  
TAGS: PFOR, PLO, LE (MELOY, FRANCIS E.) (WARING, ROBERT)  
SUBJECT: PUNISHMENT OF MURDERERS OF MELOY AND WARING

REF: STATE 032752

1. RAISED QUESTION OF IDENTIFICATION AND PUNISHMENT  
OF MURDERERS OF AMBASSADOR MELOY AND ECONOMIC  
COUNSELOR WARING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS  
MORNING FEB 24, HAVING DECIDED IT WOULD BE MORE  
APPROPRIATE IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES TO START WITH  
HIM RATHER THAN WITH SARKIS. TOLD BOUTROS THIS WAS  
VERY PAINFUL SUBJECT BUT ONE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE  
TO US, AND CALLED HIS ATTENTION TO FACT THAT CYPRUS  
GOVT HAS BROUGHT TO TRIAL THREE MEN ACCUSED OF  
KILLING AMBASSADOR DAVIES. WE HAD HELD OFF RAISING  
QUESTION WITH GOL DURING DELICATE PERIOD WHEN  
FIGHTING WAS GOING ON, BUT NOW THAT MATTERS  
RETURNING TO NORMAL, WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE  
APPROPRIATE FOR THEM TO MAKE INVESTIGATION AND  
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LET US KNOW WHAT THEY FOUND OUT. I GAVE HIM  
ORALLY INFORMATION IN PARAS 3 AND 4 REFTEL AND  
SAID WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION LEBANON  
COULD PROVIDE, AND WE HOPED THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE  
WOULD EVENTUALLY BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

2. BOUTROS SAID HE UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION

COMPLETELY AND WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH  
APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES TO SEE WHAT COULD BE  
DONE. HE FRANKLY DID NOT KNOW WHETHER LEBANESE  
WERE YET IN POSITION TO MAKE FORMAL JUDICIAL  
INQUIRY. HE WOULD, HOWEVER, BE BACK IN TOUCH  
WITH ME AS SOON AS HE HAD RESPONSE TO HIS INQUIRIES.

3. I WILL RAISE MATTER WITH SARKIS AS WELL WHEN  
I HAVE MY FIRST SUBSTANTIVE CONVERSATION WITH HIM.  
I DO NOT EXPECT THIS TO OCCUR FOR ANOTHER WEEK OR  
SO.  
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